

Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims 16-39 is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

In light of the foregoing amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that all now pending claims (*i.e.*, 16-39) are in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that all outstanding rejections be withdrawn and that this application and all presently pending claims be allowed to issue. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding the Applicant's response, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the Applicant's undersigned counsel.

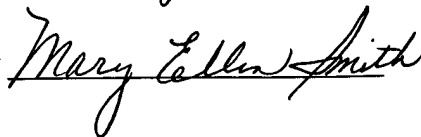
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